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1. INDOCHINA

ADMIN SUFFERS SETBACKS ON EXTRA AID TO GKR AS SENATE
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DEM CAUCUS OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTS MEASURE AND HFAC

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VOTES DOWN 82.5 MILLION DOL COMPROMISE 18-15.
NESSEN SAYS PRES DISAPPOINTED, IMPLIES WH DOESN'T THINK
"THIS IS FINAL PARLIAMENTARY MOVE." HFAC'S MORGAN STATED
WILLING SCHEDULE MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK IN HOPE OF
FINDING COMPROMISE TO WIN VOTES FOR SOME AID (NYDN; AP,
CHITRIB). BEFORE VOTE, DOS'S INGERSOLL TOLD HFAC
ADMIN COULD NOT ACCEPT COMPROMISE BILL BECAUSE JUNE 30
CUTOFF WOULD FORECLOSE ANY CHANCE FOR NEGOTIATION
C-F IN CAMBODIAN WAR. IN REPLY TO INGERSOLL QUESTION,
REP FRASER ADMITTED WAS "DEMANDING SURRENDER" BY GKR,
BUT UNDER CONTROLLED CONDITIONS TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF LIFE.
INGERSOLL ADDED ADMIN COULD ACCEPT 125 MILLION DOL MIL
AID COMPROMISE PROPOSED BY SFRSUBC (GLOBE; WSJ).

PHINQ'S MCCARTNEY SEES ALL SIGNS SUGGESTING HFAC'S
3-VOTE MARGIN WAS CLOSEST ADMIN WOULD COME TO COMPROMISE,
BARRING ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJOR POLICY CHANGE THAT INCLUDED
COMMITMENT TO END US INVOLVEMENT IN CAMBODIA QUICKLY.
ADDS THAT EA'S HABIB "VISIBLY SHAKEN" BY VOTE, LATER
SAID "THERE HAS TO BE A COMPROMISE." SUN'S PEPPER NOTES
WH AND DOS STILL HOPE CONGRESS WOULD ULTIMATELY APPROVE
SOME AMOUNT OF EMERGENCY AID. BELIEVES HFAC'S VOTE
LEFT "DOOR SLIGHTLY OPEN" FOR FURTHER COMPROMISES. NYT'S
FINNEY SAYS ADMIN "INSURED" DEFEAT OF 82.5 MILLION DOL
COMPROMISE BY COMING OUT AGAINST IT AT LAST MINUTE. SEES
CONGRESS UNLIKELY PROVIDE ANY AID FOR GKR, AND GROWING
DOUBT THAT WOULD APPROVE 300 MILLION FOR SVN. BUT BELIEVES
ADMIN NOW PINS HOPE ON SFRC THAT WILL MEET MONDAY TO
CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO GIVE GKR 125 MILLION AID. QUOTES
ADMIN THAT IF CONGRESS DOES NOT APPROVE EXTRA AID BEFORE
MONTH'S END, WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE CONTINUE SUPPLY FLOW TO
GKR, WHOSE STOCKS EXPECTED TO BE EXHAUSTED BY MID-APR.
SOME REPUBLICANS OPINE ADMIN CONTRIBUTED TO DIFFICULTIES
IN WAY HANDLED ISSUE IN HFAC, WITH INGERSOLL TESTIMONY
SPLITTING COALITION WH SUPPORTERS AND LIBERALS SEEKING
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

WP'S LYONS AND RICH CALL SETBACKS "DEVASTATING,"
REPORT CLASH BETWEEN INGERSOLL AND FRASER. BELIEVE
SENATE PROSPECTS "EXTREMELY GLOOMY" BUT NOT ALTOGETHER
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DEAD. NOTE WH SPOKESMAN QUOTED PRES THAT HE FOUND
IT DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND HOW MONEY REJECTED AFTER TESTIMONY
OF CODEL.

HOUSE AGREES 212-201 APPROPRIATE 3.5 BILLION FOR
FY 75 FOREIGN AID. BILL DOES NOT INCLUDE GKR EXTRA
MIL AID, BUT CONTAINS 440 MILLION INDOCHINA POSTWAR
AID (WSJ; AP GLOBE; LYONS/RICH, WP). POSTWAR AID

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WOULD HELP REFUGEES, WAR VICTIMS, ORPHANS AND REPAIR
WAR DAMAGES, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE NVN (LYONS, NYT).
BILL SQUEAKS BY HOUSE, GOES TO SENATE. TOTAL 2.4
BILLION LOWER THAN,AND INDOCHINA AID 500 MILLION BELOW,
ADMIN REQUEST (SUN).

AFTER WH MEETING THURS, WESTMORELAND SAID PRES SHOULD BE
GIVEN AUTHORITY LAUNCH INDOCHINA B-52 STRIKES, MINE
HAIPHONG HARBOR, SINCE "ONLY LANGUAGE HANOI UNDERSTANDS"
IS "LANGUAGE OF FORCE" (MCCARTNEY, PHINQ; AP, GLOBE;
REUTER, NYT). RE CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO MORE GVN
ARMS AID, SAID WE SEEM "PUNISHING OUR FRIENDS WHILE
REWARDING OUR ENEMIES" (CORDDRY, SUN; KILPATRICK, WP).

SECDEF ON CBS MAR 13 "MORNING NEWS" WARNED NVA
"DRAMATICALLY" INCREASED SVN INFILTRATION IN RECENT
WEEKS, ADDED HE EXPECTS MAJOR OFFENSIVE AGAINST GVN
BEFORE NEXT YEAR'S US PRES ELECTIONS, BUT STATED NO
IMMEDIATE SVN CRISIS IN CONTRAST TO CAMBODIA (NYDN).
SCHLESINGER NOTED HANOI SEEMS FOLLOW US ELECTORAL
POLITICS CAREFULLY, AND SOME NVN STRATEGIC RESERVE
MOVED SOUTH THOUGH MUCH REMAINS IN HANOI (UPI, NYT).
ADDED NVA PROBABLY WANTS "CHIP AWAY" AT RURAL
SVN FOR TIME BEING. STRESSED NEED FOR IMMEDIATE
CAMBODIA AID (KILPATRICK, CORDDRY).

IN JAN 21 LETTER TO SEN KENNEDY, DRV FONMIN INDICATES
HANOI POSSESSES INFO ABOUT SOME MIAS, BUT NONE WILL
BE MADE AVAILABLE SO LONG AS US PURSUES POLICIES
CONSIDERED BY NVN C-F VIOLATIONS, ACCORDING KENNEDY
AIDE DEHAAN -- WHO WARNED NO CONCLUSIONS COULD BE
DRAWN FROM LETTER WHETHER ANY MIAS STILL ALIVE.
ADDED THAT KENNEDY WROTE DRV FONMIN IN DEC ASKING FOR
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MIA INFO (UPI, WP; WERMIEL, GLOBE). NYT'S GELB QUOTES
DEHAAN THAT LETTER RELEASED NOW THOUGH RECEIVED IN
MID-FEB BECAUSE OFFICIAL COPIES AND TRANSLATIONS NOT
READY UNTIL FEW DAYS AGO. NOTES LANGUAGE IN LETTER
VAGUE (ABRIDGED IN SUN).

JANE FONDA RECEIVES SIHANOUK TELEGRAM ADVISING US
END GKR MIL AID QUICKLY OR FACE ISOLATION FROM REBEL
FORCES THAT ARE EXPECTED OVERTHROW PRESENT REGIME.
PRINCE ADDED IF US WANTS PREVENT BLOODBATH, STEPS
SHOULD BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO MOVE LON NOL AND GOVT
OUT OF CAMBODIA (NYT SPECIAL).

IN NCNA-BROADCAST STATEMENT, SIHANOUK CALLED ON ALL
FOREIGNERS IN PP TO LEAVE SINCE SAFETY COULD NOT BE

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GUARANTEED. ADDED THAT EMBASSIES SHOULD BE CLOSED
AND ALL FOREIGN CITIZENS EVACUATED (REUTER, NYT).
PRINCE STATED CAMBODIA WILL HAVE NO RELATIONS IN
FUTURE WITH ISRAEL, ROC, SK, SVN (AP, SUN).

REBEL GUNNERS HIT AMMO DUMP AT PP AIRPORT; AIRLIFT
SUSPENDED AS 20 TONS AMMO BURN, EXPLODE. CIVILIAN
COMMERCIAL C-46 AND DC-4 DAMAGED, RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE,
BY FRAGMENTS (AP NYDN, GLOBE). FANK CONTINUES
OPERATION TO CLEAR REBELS FROM AIRPORT VICINITY.
WESTERN MIL OBSERVER SAYS GKR TROOPS ON PP PERIMETER
"SEEM TO BE DOING BETTER IN THE LAST FEW DAYS" WITH
TIGHTER, STRONGER LINES (UPI, CHITRIB).

SUN'S ISAACS IN PP DESCRIBES FIRE IN AMMO DUMP AND
SUSPENSION OF AIRLIFT, SAYS US PLANNERS OBVIOUSLY
WORKING ON THEORY GKR WITH AIRLIFT CAN HOLD OUT 4
MORE MONTHS UNTIL RAINS WIDEN MEKONG, MAKE IT SAFER
FOR CONVOYS. WP'S GREENWAY AT PP ALSO DESCRIBES
AIRPORT AMMO FIRE, NOTES ONLY CASUALTY WAS MAN HURT
BY FLYING GLASS WHEN BLAST BLEW MOST CONTROL-TOWER
WINDOWS. NO US AIRCRAFT KNOWN DAMAGED. SAYS NOT
EXPLAINED WHY GKR CHOSE AMMO SITE SO CLOSE TO TERMINAL
(ALSO IN PHINQ). NYT'S SCHANBERG IN PP ALSO DESCRIBES
FIRE IN AMMO BEING READIED FOR AIRLIFT.

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HEATED INFIGHTING REPORTED AS LONG BORET ATTEMPTED
FORM NEW GOVT, LON NON TRIES FORCE INTO OFFICE SLATE
LOYAL TO HIM. US EMBASSY VIEWS LON NON AS "UNSETTLING
INFLUENCE" (AP NYDN).

GKR REPORTS NO PROGRESS CLEARING REBELS FROM VILLAGES
7 MILES NW OF PP. SIMILAR OPERATION IN "ROCKET BELT"
12 MILES W OF CAPITAL ALSO STALLED (AP, GLOBE).
SCHANBERG SAYS LOOK AT BATTLEFIELD SHOWS WHY GKR MIL
OUTLOOK HEADING STEADILY DOWNHILL. DESCRIBES TROOPS
LOUNGING ON FRONT LINE 8 MILES FROM PP. TELLS OF
SOLDIERS WHO WALKED AWAY FROM POSTS BECAUSE HAD NO REST
FOR 2 MONTHS; AND OF COMMANDER WHO PREPARED ASSAULT
HAD MEN DRAWN OFF FOR OTHER OPERATION. NOTES SIMPLY
NOT ENOUGH FRONT-LINE TROOPS.
NYT'S ANDELMAN IN PP REPORTS MANY KHMER REFUGEES
JUST WANT PEACE AND RETURN HOME. SAYS FOR MOST
NATION NOT AS DIVIDED AS WAR AND DIPLOMATS MAKE IT
SEEM. GLOBE'S STORIN IN PP DESCRIBES MAZE OF RED
TAPE FACED BY NEWSMEN IN CAMBODIA WHERE PROCEDURE
FOR FILING STORIES IS "CLASSIC OF ASIAN BUREAUCRACY."
NOTES MANY REPORTERS RELY ON NETWORK-ORGANIZED SYSTEM

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TO CARRY OUT FILM AND STORIES ON DC-8 "RICE BIRD."
DESCRIBES DISCOMFORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS' LIVES IN
PP. CHITRIB'S YATES IN PP DOES HUMAN-INTEREST ITEM
ON WAR'S BITTER HARVEST BEING REAPED BY CHILDREN WHO
SUFFER FROM MALNUTRITION AND DISEASES. CHITRIB
CARRIES UPI PHOTOS OF KHMER WOMAN MOURNING DEAD
HUSBAND, AND CAMBODIANS MAKING COFFINS FROM ARTILLERY-
SHELL CRATES.

GVN FERRIES TROOPS TO BAN ME THUOT; NVA TAKES ANOTHER
DISTRICT TOWN 25 MILES TO NE. ROUTE 1 REPORTED CUT
IN TWO PLACES, ALONG CENTRAL AND NORTHERN COASTS (WP).
GVN COMMAND SAYS FIGHTING HAS SPREAD TO DELTA. COMMUNISTS
HIT AREA AROUND TAY NINH (UPI, CHITRIB). GVN STATES
5 VILLAGES OVERRUN AND 3 DISTRICT TOWNS ATTACKED IN

ON NVA. 25,000 CIVILIANS AND MILITIA FROM TWO DISTRICT
TOWNS 45 MILES NW OF SAIGON REPORTEDLY FLEEING TOWARD
CAPITAL (PHINQ). GVN REPORTEDLY NOW HAS FULL DIVISION
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AT BAN ME THUOT. FIGHTING HAS REDUCED MUCH OF CITY
TO RUBBLE. US EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS RADIO CONTACT
LOST WITH 9 AMCITS ISOLATED IN BAN ME THUOT, BUT MAYBE
DUE TO DEAD RADIO BATTERIES (AP, SUN). NYT'S MARKHAM IN
SAIGON REPORTS NVA HAS CAPTURED ALMOST ALL BAN ME
THUOT AS GVN FORCES GATHER N OF CITY TO ATTEMPT
RECAPTURE (EXCERPTED IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

2. CHINA

NCNA GIVES FIRST DETAILED OFFICIAL REPORT OF EARTHQUAKE
THAT HIT NE CHINA FEB 4. SAYS 100,000 PEOPLE WORKING
DAY AND NIGHT TO REPAIR WIDESPREAD DAMAGE, BUT GIVES
NO CASUALTY FIGURES. AGENCY SAYS SEISMOGRAPHERS HAD
BEEN ABLE PROVIDE ADVANCE WARNING OF QUAKE, HELPING
MINIMIZE LOSSES; BUT INDICATED ENTIRE VILLAGES WERE
DESTROYED IN DENSELY POPULATED AREA (WP).

SUN'S ED WU CITES "SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH" AS PRC
SEISMOLOGISTS BECAME FIRST IN WORLD TO GIVE TIMELY,
ACCURATE PREDICTION OF EARTHQUAKE.

REUTER (HK) REPORTS GROUP OF 13 US TEACHERS/STUDENTS
CONCLUDED CHINA VISIT MAR 14, LEFT PEKING FOR HOME
VIA CANTON, ACCORDING NCNA. GROUP, FROM CRAIG CITY,
ALASKA, ARRIVED IN PRC FEB 23, TOURED CANTON, SHANGHAI,
CHENGCHOW, SIAN, YENAN AND PEKING SCHOOLS, FACTORIES,
COMMUNES AND MUSEUMS.

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GUYANA PM BURNHAM SAID MAR 14 PRC OFFICIALS TOLD HIM HE COULD NOT SEE MAO BECAUSE CHAIRMAN SUFFERING FROM COLD (REUTER PEKING).

3. JAPAN

UPI (TOKYO) CITES KYODO WEDNESDAY REPORT BANK OF JAPAN PLANS CUT OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE BY 0.5 PERCENT EARLY APRIL; BOJ SOURCES SAID FEARFUL FURTHER DELAY WOULD DEEPEN RECESSION (JOC 3/L3).

IN PEKING THURSDAY, JAPANESE CIVAIR NEGOTIATORS
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PROPOSED PRC PERMIT JAL FLY NEW ROUTE TO EUROPE, BEYOND PEKING VIA KARACHI (JOC TOKYO).

WSJ CITES NIPPON STEEL SPOKESMAN THAT INDUSTRY AGREES PAY CONSOLIDATED COAL 53.52 DOLS/TON FOR COKING COAL STARTING APRIL; SAYS DEAL CONFIRMED BY FIRM IN PITTSBURGH (3/13).

GOI MIN ROADS SHAHRESTANI WEDNESDAY ASKED MIYAZAWA AND TRANSPORT MIN KIMURA JAPAN HELP BUILD 1000 KM-LONG HIGH-SPEED TEHERAN - MESHED RAIL LINE; SHAHRESTANI ALSO ASKING PRIVATE INDUSTRY HELP (JOC - TOKYO).

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO SAYS SEATRAIN EXECS ARRIVING "IN FEW DAYS" TO DISCUSS "CONTROVERSIAL" LANDBRIDGE SERVICE WITH AGENT, JAPAN LINES. NOTES JAPAN FTC RECENTLY RULED "ILLEGAL" SUSPENSION BY 25-MEMBER JAPAN-EUROPE FREIGHT CONFERENCE OF 9.5 PERCENT DISCOUNT FOR SHIPPERS USING LANDBRIDGE. STATES LANDBRIDGE TO EUR ACROSS US BY RAIL 15-30 PERCENT CHEAPER FOR MOST CARGOES, SHORTEST ROUTE EXCEPT SIBERIAN LANDBRIDGE.

JOC'S MORRISON SAYS FMC APPROVES SIX-LINE JAPANESE CARGO-REVENUE POOL FOR ONE YEAR; "UNDERSTANDING" CLEARING WAY FOR APPROVAL OBLIGATES JAPANESE TRY ALLOW USE IN JAPAN OF HIGHER US CONTAINERS, TRY ADOPT SHIPPER-TYING CONTRACT RATE SYSTEMS IN JAPAN-US TRADE.

CHITRIB ABRIDGES EARLIER NYT (HALLORAN) REPORT THAT JAPANESE AGREEMENT IMPORT CHINESE OIL MARKS "STEP CLOSER" PRC, AWAY FROM SOVIET (3/13).

4. KOREA

FIRE THURSDAY SWEPT HOUSE OF ANGELS FOR INFANTS WAITING

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ADOPTION BY FAMILIES IN US, OTHER COUNTRIES.
ACCORDING POLICE 14 BABIES DEAD, ONE INJURED, 36 RESCUED
(UPI, WP).

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KUKRIT PRAMOJ NAMED PM-DESIGNATE IN DISPUTED ASSEMBLY
VOTE THURSDAY; IMMEDIATELY CALLED FOR US TROOP WITHDRAWAL.
HOUSE SECRETARY ACCUSED OF MISCOUNTING VOTES RESIGNED
ON SPOT. OUTSIDE, 500 DEMONSTRATORS DEMANDED
DISSOLUTION OF ASSEMBLY, NEW ELECTIONS (UPI, NYDN).

KUKRIT DEFEATS SURPRISE CANDIDATE, SOCIALIST PARTY
LEADER SOMKID (REUTER, NYT). KUKRIT (WHO PLAYED
SEA NATION PM IN MOVIE "UGLY AMERICAN") SAID HE WANTS

US TROOPS OUT "SOON AS POSSIBLE" (WP). KUKRIT WON
135 VOTES FROM 11 PARTIES, BUT 62 OF SUPPORTERS OF
BROTHER SENI ABSTAINED (PHINQ WIRE SERVICES).

6. AUSTRALIA

MANY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S 600,000 WOMEN OBJECT BEING
ADDRESSED "MS" IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE; FLOOD PRESS,
RADIO WITH PROTESTS. BUT PM DUNSTAND REFUSES
BACK DOWN, SAYS WOMEN "WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DRIVE"
IF LICENSES SENT BACK, WATER BILLS WILL BE ENFORCED
IF RETURNED UNPAID. DUNSTAND'S PLAN MOST CONTROVERSIAL
OF SEVERAL OFFICIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO WOMEN'S YEAR IN
AUSTRALIA (AP, SUN).

7. PHILIPPINES

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPT SAID WEDNESDAY MORE THAN MILLION
PEOPLE FORCED FLEE HOMES IN 11 PROVINCES BY FIGHTING IN
SOUTH. FIRST OFFICIAL FIGURES ON REFUGEES RELEASED
SINCE GOP LIFTED NEWS BLACKOUT ON REBELLION TWO WEEKS
AGO. DEPT SAID AIDING 184,778 FAMILIES, MORE THAN
MILLION PEOPLE. MILITARY SITREP SAYS GOP FORCES REPULSE
SPORADIC REBEL ATTACKS ON BASILAN ISLAND, INFLICT
"MODERATE CASUALTIES" (UPI, PHINQ).

MIL SPOKESMAN THURSDAY SAID GOP FORCES CAPTURE REBEL
STRONGHOLD IN TUBARAN-KANDRIS COMPLEX, AFTER TWO
WEEKS FIGHTING ON BASILAN ISLAND WITH AIR, NAVAL
SUPPORT (UPI, WP).
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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

SUN CALLS ON FORD TO ABANDON INHERITED POLICY AND MOVE DECISIVELY TOWARD SETTLEMENT. SUPPORTS JACKSON'S PROPOSAL TO SEND MANSFIELD TO TALK WITH SIHANOUK. CALLS ON USG TO SWALLOW PRIDE AND RIGHT PAST WRONGS BY SEEKING SIHANOUK'S ASSISTANCE.

FRANK STARR IN CHITRIB VIEWS CAMBODIA AS ABNORMAL CHILD JUSTIFYING MERCY KILLING. SAYS HAK TOO BUSY WITH OTHER PROBLEMS TO FOCUS IN CAMBODIA, "ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO PULL THE PLUG."

MARQUIS CHILDS SAYS FORD ADMIN FOLLOWING SAME OLD ROAD OF MILITARY AID FOR CAMBODIA TO POINT OF ABSURDITY. DISCUSSES VARIOUS AID EFFORTS BY ADMIN AND POINTS TO NEXT YEAR'S PROBABLE REQUEST FOR INDOCHINA. MORE O NEXT YEAR'S PROBABLE REQUEST FOR INDOCHINA. MORE STUDIED STRATEGY WITH DEFINITE CUT OFF DATE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE IF DEVELOPED EARLIER. SAYS INDOCHINA SORRIEST PAGE IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND TIME TO WRITE END TO PAGE (SUN).

BOSTON U PROF HOWARD ZINN ASSAILS US FOR "TRYING TO HOLD BACK, AND DESTROY IF POSSIBLE, A REVOLUTION IN CAMBODIA." NOTES ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH'S DUDMAN HAS CONFESSED COMING TO KNOW CAMBODIA GUERRILLAS AS "TRUSTWORTHY... HELPFUL...KIND"; SAYS THOSE WHO HAVE CONTACTED NLF "FOUND SIMILAR QUALITIES." CLAIMS US INDOCHINA POLICY VIOLATES OUR OWN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (GLOBE).

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (MAR 13) SAYS GKR AMMO STOCKS STILL ADEQUATE FOR ANOTHER MONTH'S FIGHTING. SO IMMEDIATE QUESTION HAS BECOME ONE OF MORALE IN PP. NOTES SOME US OFFICIALS SAY IF FINAL CONGRESSIONAL DECISION GOES AGAINST MORE AID, CAMBODIAN MORALE WILL CRACK AND LON NOL GOVT WILL COLLAPSE DESPITE AMMO STILL IN HAND. SEES WH SPOKESMAN'S REACTION TO PROPOSED MANSFIELD

VISIT WITH SIHANOUK SUGGESTING COOL ADMIN ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS POSSIBILITY.

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NYT'S SHEEHAN DEPLORES SEEMING LACK OF AMERICANS' INTEREST IN VN, AT TIME WHEN FIGHTING THERE TAKING OMINOUS TURN FOR SAIGON GOVT. FEARS MANY CONGRESSMEN MAY VOTE AGAINST GIVING SVN ENOUGH AID TO KEEP FIGHTING SIMPLY "BECAUSE THEY REALLY DON'T GIVE A DAMN." FINDS HAK "TOO BUSY MAKING ANOTHER PEACE" IN ME "TO CONCERN HIMSELF OVERLY WITH THE PEACE HE'S ALREADY MADE FOR THE VIETNAMESE." AND WALTER CRONKITE IS ON VACATION" (GLOBE).

9. JAPAN

CSM FINANCIAL EDITOR FRANCIS VISITS NOMURA RESEARCH INSTITUTE "THINK TANK." NOTES GOJ CONTRACTS ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF RESEARCH PROJECTS, PRIVATE FIRMS 60 PERCENT, WITH ONLY SMALL AMOUNT FOR FOREIGN CLIENTS. OBSERVES NRI SEEKING SPONSOR FOR SIZABLE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, POLITICAL STUDY OF MAJOR OIL PRODUCING NATIONS. SAYS JAPAN'S R AND D INVESTMENT UP TO ABOUT 2.1 PERCENT OF NATIONAL INCOME, COMPARED 3.4 PERCENT IN US; TERMS NRI "SIGNIFICANT FACTOR" IN THAT RESEARCH.

10. KOREA

RECALLING CSM EDIT CRITICAL OF REFERENDUM HELD ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, ROK EMBASSY INFO ATTACHE IN SHIK CHUNG DECLARES IN LETTER TO CSM THIS PRECISELY WAY TO DETERMINE WILL AND PREFERENCE OF PEOPLE, MEANING ENTIRE NATION NOT "VOCIFEROUS AND PRIVILEGED SEGMENT." POINTS OUT VOLUME OF CRITICISM PRINTED IN DONG-A ILBO PROOF IN ITSELF MORE PRESS FREEDOM IN KOREAN THAN MOST COUNTRIES IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. RECALLS EVEN LINCOLN HAD TO SUSPEND HABEAS CORPUS DURING CIVIL WAR. OBJECTS TO CSM USE OF TERM "MARTIAL LAW REGIME," BECAUSE MARTIAL LAW LIFTED DEC 1972. OPINES LINCOLN WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF FIRST TO APPRECIATE SACRIFICES DEMANDED WHEN DEMOCRACY TRIES SURVIVE IN FACE OF SUSTAINED MILITARY VIOLENCE AND SEVERE ECONOMIC
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DEPRIVATION.

11. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S LELYVELD IN NAIC REVIEWS DELAY OF LAND REFORM PROMISED BY MARCOS IN 1972, PAINSTAKINGLY WRITTEN BY HAND IN "SELF-CONSCIOUS IMITATION" OF LINCOLN AND EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION. MARCOS STILL CALLS LAND REFORM "CORNERSTONE" OF NEW SOCIETY HE PROMISED, BUT HESITATES TO PUSH THROUGH TAKE-OVER OF SMALL

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HOLDINGS OF ABSENTEE MIDDLE-CLASS LANDLORDS TO GIVE
MORE THAN MILLION TENANT FARMERS. SMALLHOLDERS
CIRCUMVENT DECREE WITH INCREASING RESOUREFULNESS, AND
AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICIAL SAYS MIGHT AS WELL PACK
UP AND GO HOME IF THINGS DON'T START MOVING.
OTHERWISE, "WE ARE JUST RAISING FALSE HOPES."

12. GENERAL

WP'S MORGAN CONCLUDES SERIES ON FOOD AID. QUOTES
SENIOR BUREAUCRAT WHO SAYS "PROGRAM TODAY EXISTS
AS AN ARM OF KISSINGER'S FOREIGN POLICY." CITES
EXAMPLES IN EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN, CAMBODIA, CHILE,
SVN, INDONESIA. OBSERVES PROGRAM ALSO SERVES WIDE
VARIETY OF DIPLOMATIC PURPOSES: LURING SOVIET
TOWARD DETENTE; REWARDING PAKISTAN FOR INTERMEDIARY
ROLE IN NIXON CHINA OPENING; INDUCING ROK SIGN 1977
TEXTILE AGREEMENT. INGERSOLL

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